

NO SUSPENSION FOR MINERS THIS YEAR

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, who took the matter up with him in the interests of many here who desired the passage of such a suspensory act, but by a letter over the signature of the secretary to Congressman Hayden, who transmitted the same to Mr. Anderson in his letter. Secretary Lane gave as a reason for opposition to the bill, the fact that there were many protests filed by those who have already performed their assessment work, and stated that he could see no reason himself why such a movement should succeed. The reply to Mr. Anderson from Congressman Hayden and the view of the secretary are self-explanatory, and read as follows:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23. '14. Mr. LeRoy Anderson, Prescott, Arizona.

My Dear Mr. Anderson:—I am in receipt of your letter of October 19 and beg to say that it is not likely that a bill exempting assessment work on mines for this year will be passed at this session of congress. Some time ago, I took up this question with the Secretary of the Interior whose endorsement is necessary on legislation of this kind. Secretary Lane telegraphed to his field inspectors in Montana, Utah, Nevada and Arizona directing them to report as to the necessity for this legislation. The secretary informed me that from the information he received it appears that the passage of a bill waiving assessment work this year would do about as much harm as it would do good. A great many miners have been thrown out of employment on account of the demoralization of the copper market due to the European war. Many of them could make a living doing assessment work for claim owners this winter so the secretary feels that this avenue for a livelihood should not be closed to them. I inclose an adverse report made by the Secretary of the Interior on the bill by Congressman Baker to relieve claimants from the performance of annual labor.

I have talked this matter over with a number of western congressmen and while they all express sympathy for the claim owners who have been financially crippled as a result of the war in Europe, yet the consensus of opinion is that a bill to exempt assessment work on mines cannot be passed at this time. I shall be glad to promptly notify you if there is any change in the situation.

With kindest regards, I am, Yours very truly,

CARL H. HYDEN.

Hon. Martin D. Foster,

Chairman, Committee on Mines and Mining, House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Foster:—I am in receipt of your request for an opinion as to the advisability of the legislation proposed in House Bills 19,114 and 19,118, which bills provide for the waiver during the year 1914 of the requirements of law for the annual assessment work on placer and lode mining claims. One of the measures provides that the assessment work for the year 1914 may be performed the first day of January, 1916. The other bill provides that the requirement of the law as to assessment work be suspended for the year 1914.

This matter was brought to my attention by some of the western representatives several weeks ago. I made investigation at that time and found that there was strong protest against the adoption of such policy, because many of the miners had already done their work and the passage of such a bill would be the nature of a preference to those who had waited until the last of the year to comply with the provisions of the law. I also found that many men in the mining states expected during the fall and winter months to do this assessment work for others, and that the postponement of it would be in effect the shutting down of an industry.

Canada has passed a similar measure, but this is part of a war policy which will allow prospectors and mine owners to volunteer for the European war without the loss of their claims. The necessity for the adoption of such a policy by the United States manifestly is not present.

Without a showing much stronger than has been made to me in favor of the adoption of such a policy as proposed in these bills, I cannot advise that it would be wise to adopt either of these measures. In general, I believe our purpose should be to insist that he who holds the land shall use it.

Cordially yours,

Signed FRANKLIN K. LANE, Secretary.

GEORGE THORNE COMES UP MISSING

(From Saturday's Daily.)

According to reports reaching Prescott yesterday afternoon, there is considerable anxiety on the part of the family, neighbors and friends of George Thorne, the well known goat and ranch owner who lives a short distance east of Prescott, as to his whereabouts.

Mr. Thorne left home Wednesday morning to look for fifty of his goats which had gone astray, and told his wife and mother, the latter living nearby, that he would return in a few hours. He took with him one cheese sandwich for a lunch, and had no money on his

person when he left. Wednesday night came and he did not return. By Thursday noon there was considerable excitement at his home concerning his prolonged absence, all inquiries as to his whereabouts having elicited no favorable response. In the early hours of yesterday morning Mrs. Thorne, with lighted lantern, proceeded to the home of Mr. Thorne's mother, and together they went to Long's goat camp, some distance away, to make inquiry, but found that the missing man had not been seen there. They also investigated as to whether he had gone to a ranch he owns a few miles from his home, but found no trace of his having stopped there.

Yesterday forenoon a searching party was formed, but they could not locate him anywhere, and in the afternoon a neighbor, E. N. Alberson, came to Prescott and reported the matter at the sheriff's office. Telephone messages to Dewey, Humboldt and other places failed to reveal any trace of Thorne consequently great apprehension prevails that some accident might have befallen him, or that he might have met with foul play. The family is very much worried, and it is probable that if he does not show up somewhere by this morning the sheriff's office will organize a systematic search.

BEAUTIFUL MOVE OF YAVAPAI CLUB

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The sting of being neglected on a sacred occasion like Christmas will not be the lot of many deserving young people of Prescott, if the suggestion made by several members of the Yavapai club is moulded into a reality.

The move is proving to be very popular to have a Christmas tree for these children, who are worthy of generous consideration, from those whose lot is a more fortunate one, and to soften the pangs of being disregarded through circumstances that are regrettable prompts the initiating of the worthy movement that will undoubtedly be fulfilled and faithfully performed.

"This sweep of good will knows no bounds; it is actuated from motives of kindly feeling toward all, and is cemented with the beautiful sentiment of charity," said a well known member of that organization who heartily approved of the contemplated action.

The Yavapai club is departing from the custom of associations of this order, and in entering the sphere of benevolence in a broad conception of good fellowship, is to be commended as well as lauded for his consideration shown toward the less fortunate. This matter is being crystallized, and will undoubtedly be faithfully and generously carried out, when the children to be lined up will have for once the smile of happiness, and the gleam in their eyes to brush away the tears of sadness as another hallowed day comes and goes.

FIGHTS THE MUD AND FINALLY WINS OUT

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"Here are some samples of the soil picked up from Nelson to Prescott," said H. J. Pink and Tom Ely, who arrived last night in their huge Thomas racing car, and registered at Ruffner's garage.

Their machine was covered with the formation, and incidentally the physical makeup of the two speedy men gave a harmony to the mechanical combination. It was a toss-up who was "doped up" the most generously with the soil.

Pink and Ely stated they first went into the mud business at Nelson, and from there continued in it to Prescott. It was a submarine stunt most of the time. "They say it don't rain in Arizona, and water storage is discontinued from lack of moisture; such gush; we paddled for fourteen hours, and reached this pier all in," said Pink, as B.B. Dolly turned on the hose for the finishing touches.

These noted autoists are going no farther south than this city. Both had reconnoitered the route to Phoenix in a former run in a touring car, and if the sky is clear today they retrace their steps over the same course. Their car is over 50 horse-power, of six cylinders, with a maximum speed of 80 miles per hour. It is among the largest to be entered in the race.

LARGE FRUIT CROP.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lessard, of Stoddard, were arrivals yesterday, to visit with friends and on business. The former states the packing and shipping of several hundred boxes of fruit from his ranch is now going on, and the crop this year is the largest ever known.

CROWN PRINCE WOUNDED.

ROME, Oct. 30.—It is reported here that the German Crown Prince has been wounded leading an attack on Verdun.

RACERS TO BE ENTERTAINED ROYALLY

(From Saturday's Daily.)

As the result of the activities of Malcolm Fraser and the Chamber of Commerce, the former yesterday morning mailed Leon T. Shettler, manager of the Los Angeles-to-Phoenix auto race a draft for \$500, the amount assessed Prescott for the privilege of becoming the last night control en route over the 715-mile course of what promises to be the greatest auto endurance race ever pulled off in the United States. The list of donors to this fund includes most of the business and professional men of the city, led by Attorney LeRoy Anderson, who contributed fifty dollars, the largest single donation.

Great Time at Club.

It was decided by the Chamber of Commerce to send each racer, mechanic and entryman an invitation to an informal smoker at the Yavapai club, and to also include invitations to all whose names can be secured who are coming over the course in the "howdy special" train. Mr. Fraser had most of these invitations ready to mail yesterday.

The racers and members of the "howdy special" will be passing through here on the night of November 10th, and the smoker will be given at that time, open house being maintained at the club from the time they commence to arrive on the afternoon of the 10th until their departure the next morning. The entertainment committee consists of T. G. Norris, LeRoy Anderson and Dr. J. H. Blain, who will constantly be on hand to see that every guest is treated in a manner which will forever impress the name of Prescott on his or her memory.

Mr. Fraser has a letter from Manager Shettler in which he enclosed a list of the racers, owners of cars and mechanics, the address of the manager being 147 West Pico Street, Los Angeles.

Promise Support to Moyers.

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce when these final race arrangements were made, L. G. Moyers, of Globe, was given the privilege of addressing the members present in behalf of the Gila County Anti-Division Society, which he represents. After he had explained the situation from his standpoint, the members present promised him their personal support, but no resolution was introduced either pro or con on the subject.

May Advertise in Movies.

Photographer Thomas Bate appeared at the meeting with a proposition to furnish three thousand feet of moving picture films showing the last frontier day features in Prescott and many other attractive views of this city and its romantic and industrial surroundings for use in the east, for a sum not to exceed \$300. This matter was referred to the ad committee of the club for investigation and report. Dr. C. E. Yount is chairman of this committee.

MINING MEN TO CAPTURE THE CAPITAL

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Those in Prescott and Yavapai county who are planning on a great time at the mining congress to be held in Phoenix commencing next December 7th and lasting three days are wondering who the real delegates are to represent this part of the state. It has been provided that each county board of commissioners appoint two delegates, each city two and that the respective chambers of commerce name two each. Thus far only the Yavapai county board has fulfilled the duty for this county, Major Doran and Major Pickrell having been named.

The sessions of the congress will open Monday, December 7th, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Phoenix "Elks" theatre. Judge Jos. H. Kibbey will preside as chairman of the reception committee, and Phoenix is planning a great time for all visitors. Judge Sloan has been selected to deliver the address in behalf of the reception committee and Governor Hunt will welcome the delegates to the state, while Mayor George U. Young will hand the delegates and visitors the key to the capital city.

WILD BURROS IN PLENTY NEAR COLOMBIA

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"The sparsely settled country south of Harrington in the rugged Humburg range of mountains, offers fine inducements for big game hunters, and if they desire to try their marksmanship on the wild burro, their appetites will be fully quenched," said C. E. Champie, the goat raiser of that section.

Champie states that these animals roam in bands of about fifty each and usually are divided into four squads. Their nature is as wild as a coyote, and their cunning exerts

itself with a keenness that they cannot be approached closer than 300 yards. They are supposed to be remnants of early day ore packer trains in the Tiptop region, and since the mining business has come to a standstill they are permitted to run wild and multiply without any one caring for them. Champie states that occasionally one is killed and the meat "jerked" to feed his dogs, which number ten shepherds.

WORK RESUMES ON BIG LAND PROJECT

(From Saturday's Daily.)

That the Alfalfa Farms Company means business, and is to carry out its objects in land developing and dam building as announced some time ago by General Manager Smith, was shown yesterday, when 50,000 pounds of rye seed was unloaded at Jerome Junction.

Today a car of 60,000 pounds of structural steel will be sidetracked at the spur near the site of the dam. This commodity will be freighted to the dam, about one mile distant, at once.

Chief Engineer Cookinham stated yesterday the Aubrey Investment Company had been awarded the contract for plowing 2,000 acres of land, and the seeding of the 2,000 acres would start next Monday, a force of practical farmers having been employed. J. A. Trenberth, a member of the company, brings over sixty head of animals from the Santa Fe line tomorrow, and starts plowing at once. Nothing will be done toward resuming dam construction until the arrival of H. G. Wells, from Boise, Idaho, who is expected daily, his firm of Maney Brothers having been awarded the contract for dam building, it being stipulated that this storage undertaking is to be completed by January 1. Several men already are at Camp Carter, the site of land developing.

FLAT AS PANCAKE CRIMINAL CHARGES

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Criminal charges preferred by Frank Bernal against Justice of the Peace Ben W. Mowday and Deputy Sheriff Charles Kinsman, of Humboldt, alleging that these two officials had obtained from the plaintiff a certain sum of money under false pretenses, fell flat yesterday when the hearing took place before Judge Moore of this city. Accordingly Mowday and Kinsman were discharged from custody on the recommendation made by Assistant County Attorney J. H. Morgan.

The evidence to justify dismissal of the action was conclusive. Three witnesses were present who testified to certain matters, which clearly established the innocence of the two men.

The case grew out of the arrest and trial of Bernal for shooting up the town of Humboldt, for which he was fined the sum of \$40. Bernal contended that he had never been tried for the crime, and that the money paid in to Judge Mowday was on a bail proceeding. The case attracted very much interest at Humboldt, and principally so on the ground that both Mowday and Kinsman are nominees for office, the former to succeed himself as justice of the peace, while the latter is running for constable of that precinct. The trial and conviction of Bernal, it was also proven, was regular, and within the confines of the statutes.

CANINE BEAUTY ON LAWSON RANCH

(From Saturday's Daily.)

By Wells, Fargo & Co., express there was delivered at Mayer a few days ago, for Charles Lawson, a type of the canine race that was pronounced the finest ever brought into this section, in a mastiff that weighed 160 pounds and whose financial rating was placed at \$250.

This dog came all the way from a kennel at Locust Valley, New York, and occupied a crate over five feet square. He attracted interest as well as admiration at the depot, being a beautiful creature and as docile as a kitten. His face and ears are jet black, while the rest of the body is of a light tan color. He is trim built, also, in fact a perfect specimen of his race.

After arriving at Mayer the dog was taken to Lawson's ranch on the Agua Fria river, six miles distant. The brother-in-law of Mr. Lawson made the long trip from the east especially for the purpose of delivering the dog to its future master.

PASSES THE CRISIS.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Young, who had been critically ill for several days with typhoid fever, was reported yesterday to be improving, and his recovery is anticipated. Mr. Young returned to Ferguson valley yesterday, to look after his ranch and range interests after an absence of several days.

Estate Settled; Guardian's Report

(From Saturday's Daily.)

At a session of the Yavapai county probate court yesterday forenoon Judge Smith presiding, the affairs of the estate of W. J. Overmeyer were declared closed, the administrator, John J. Hawkins, making a final accounting and being discharged from further duty.

The first report of the Commercial Trust & Savings Bank, guardian for the Casner minor children, was received and approved, and on application an order was made by the court transferring the funds of the estate to the general guardian, John A. Clark, of Butte county, California, who will henceforth administer the same. The estate amounts approximately to twelve thousand dollars.

PRESCOTT WILL FURNISH THE SPORT

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Whenever and wherever it is announced that Doc Pardee and Lone Jordan, or either of them, are to give exhibitions on the back of outlaw horses, there is assurance that it is going to be worth seeing. These wild horse premiers are going to the state fair to thrill the crowds there with their daring feats and here is what the Arizona Republican says in advance of their coming:

Loud gurgles of unmitigated delight!

Doc Pardee and Lone Jordan, two of the most famous tamers of wild ones in semi-captivity in the vicinity of Prescott are coming to help produce excitement at the state fair. They said so in a letter to Secretary Tom Shaughnessy yesterday.

Pardee needs little preliminary "spiel" to those faithful Arizonans who attended the Frontier Days in July. For Doc did the spiling and the majority of the classy riding himself.

It hadn't been for something odd that happened the last day, Pardee would have won the diamond medal as champion broncho buster of the world.

Jordan is a Yavapai cowpuncher of parts, and a trick rider and roper of the better sort. He has taken many purses at Phoenix fairs, for fancy roping and bulldogging. He, too, was a prominent member of the Prescott celebration. Many other cowboys from the northern part of the state will be here in addition to these two to take part in the wild west sports, which will be the best in the history of the state fair.

CLARKS APPEAL THE BATTERY SUIT

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Filing a bond before Judge McLane in double the sum of the two fines assessed, \$200, Elias S. Clark and his son, Neill Clark, yesterday morning appealed the battery case upon which they were convicted the other day to the superior court of Yavapai county. The sureties named on the bond are Peter and David Russell.

The details of this case and also of the trial are familiar to the Prescott public, having been fully covered by the Journal-Miner at the time the battery was alleged to have been committed on the person of Charles Bolman at the new high school building, and later at the trial of the case, which caused considerable comment in this city. When the sentence was pronounced the Clarks delayed either payment or appeal until yesterday, when they made known their intention previous to the departure of E. S. Clark for Tucson, where he is billed for a prohibition address at the Methodist church tonight.

It is understood the appeal action means that the case pending against Neill Clark, in this connection, charging him with the crime of carrying concealed weapons, will be prosecuted. It had been the intention, it is understood, to dismiss this case, but it is now asserted that such a policy cannot be well followed.

60,000 WOMEN IN LONDON OUT OF JOBS

Correspondence of Associated Press LONDON, Oct. 31.—The economic results of war have fallen heavily on the women wage earners of London, of whom over 60,000 have been discharged from employment since August first. In the single district of Islington, 800 were discharged the past week by two bottling works, which were forced to close down because their supply of bottles from Germany had been cut off. While the ponderous machinery of Queen Mary's Fund to give work to women is slowly making ready the Society of American

Women in London has started a small knitting factory of its own in this populous district.

Mrs. Joseph Wilcox Jenkins started the factory. She walked one day into a labor exchange where 600 women were registered and asked for those who could knit. They were put to work knitting by hand socks and comforters, and laid on the union scale of three pence an hour. This insures a weekly wage of \$2.50 for forty hours work.

Funds for running the factory are obtained by the sale of socks, caps and belts, which are knitted expressly for the soldiers and sailors. The purchaser is expected to present the same to the men at the front. Other funds are obtained by contributions.

One of the employees in the American factory is a woman with a husband out of work, a paralyzed sister to care for and seven children ranging in age of three to sixteen years. Her eldest, a girl, earns 60 cents a week in a shop, and the war relief fund gives seven shillings a week to the family. Since getting a place in the American factory, the mother has brought the family income up to \$4.85 a week.

A delicate girl of 22 years, a typist out of work, is the sole support of her mother and invalid sister. In addition to her earnings, she gets five shillings a week from the war relief fund, which helps defray her weekly rent of \$1.85.

A pathetic case is that of a one-eyed girl, for whom arrangements have been made to buy a new glass eye, as the enamel had worn off the old one.

It has been brought to the notice of Mrs. Jenkins that there is great suffering among middle class women engaged in the arts. A music teacher said she had earned but \$1.10 a week.

As soon as permanent quarters are found, the committee expects to branch out. Meals at two pence each will be furnished and a nursery for children. Already the homes of the workers are visited and second hand clothing given according to the needs.

UNIQUE FORMS MAKE MERRY AT CLUB

(From Sunday's Daily.)

No Halloween function in Prescott was more interesting and elaborate than the masque ball at that Yavapai club Friday night. The approach of the annual halloween period caused many evening celebrations throughout the city, the event which nearest approached the Yavapai entertainment being the dance given by the Elks in their elegant new hall.

Some thirty couples attended the Yavapai ball, all dressed in the most grotesque and laughable fashion imaginable and masked so completely that not a mother's son or daughter of them could have been distinguished without the aid of a search-warrant. If there was a feature of the weird surroundings of the Halloween custom not represented by those who attended, it would take a specialist to point it out. Everything looked ghostlike and mysterious, the jolly participants evidently having consulted the most medieval works of mythology in an effort to outdo each other. It is said that so far as the gentlemen guests were concerned, LeRoy Anderson would have captured the prize had premiums been offered, and that Miss E. Fox, as a witch, would have been a close second, representing the feminine portion of the company. Mr. Anderson looked the part of a big Teddy Bear, although it probably would not do for any one to intimate to him that when he "made up" he had in mind the man of so many teeth who is trying so hard to disrupt the political party to which he holds such strong alliance.

After a strange, silent and weird mazy whirl lasting until about ten o'clock, commingled with more fun than is possible at anything except a masque ball, the merry-makers doffed the habiliments which had made them the subject of so many wild guesses, and made their real selves acquainted with their real likenesses. And then the real tripping of the light fantastic commenced in another form, lasting until the second wee sma' hour was sounded by the town clock.

Refreshments embellished the occasion at the proper time and when the "lights were out" another mark of extreme pleasure had been written on the escutcheon of a club which is never idle in breaking the monotony of life in a manner which counts for human uplift and pleasurable profit.

MINE PROPERTY SOLD.

(From Friday's Daily.)

As trustee, F. L. Haworth has sold to G. L. Allen, Jr., of Los Angeles, all the mining machinery, private property, and other effects at the Sunnyside Mining Co. camp in Groom Creek district for a nominal sum, the bill of sale being recorded yesterday.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DAMAGES BUILDING

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Damage estimated at \$3,000 was the result of an early morning fire at the Washington school building in Prescott yesterday. It consists of smoke, which defaced practically the whole interior of the building, rendering it necessary to do a great deal of re-painting, water which deluged the lobby and basement, the chopping of two holes in the wooden floor of the school lobby and one in the cement floor of the south veranda, and the burning of the interior woodwork, where the blaze started.

When the helper of C. E. Newton, janitor of the school, opened the building to commence his regular work, about seven o'clock, he found the whole interior of the structure filled with a suffocating smoke. He at once notified the fire department, and soon the boys, accompanied by Superintendent Baker, Prof. Hart, and the janitor, were on the ground. The blinding smoke, coming from a mysterious source, made it hard to locate the fire but soon it was discovered to be in the small enclosure under the veranda, where a blaze was in progress, eating its way slowly into the interior woodwork. In the enclosure were two barrels of oil, one barrel of floor-sweeping compound and some other combustible materials. Holes were chopped in the floor and the blaze soon was under control, but not until the whole basement of the building and the lobby floor had been deluged with water, causing considerable damage to the tools and paraphernalia of mechanics who have been engaged putting in a new heating plant.

No fire has been in the place where the trouble happened for many months, if ever, and the only theory on which to account for the fire yesterday morning is that the sweeping compound, which is composed of a mixture of sawdust, oil, sand and salt, was ignited by spontaneous combustion. The blaze had practically consumed the barrel and the interior woodwork of the veranda was burned, but the oil did not ignite. The aperture where the fire was confined was surrounded on all sides by brick and cement walls, else the whole interior of the building would doubtless have been burned.

Friday night there was a Halloween party in the kindergarten rooms, where the second-year pupils gathered with some of the teachers and enjoyed a feast of pumpkin pie, gingerbread, apples, beans, etc., but the older ones present say when they departed from the building, about ten o'clock, there was not even the smell of smoke in the place, meaning that the fire started later than that time, although indications are that it had smoldered for some hours before beaking into a blaze, owing to the fact that little air was in the enclosure.

It was a lucky find, and prompt work saved one of the best school structures in Arizona from destruction.

MUCH MONEY TO CHANGE HANDS ON RACE

(From Sunday's Daily.)

H. J. Pink and Thomas Ely, in a Metz, and Fred L. Wing and F. L. Paiset, in a Thomas, two cars entered in the Los Angeles-Prescott-Phoenix race, passed through here yesterday on their return trip over the route. Messrs. Wing and Paiset broke a shaft near town, one which was cracked when they flew the track soon after leaving Phoenix, and were held up here a number of hours making repairs.

The drivers of both these cars were of the opinion that the winners of the race would have to make a better average than thirty-five miles an hour. They agreed that if there was no more rain from now until the time of the race the roads would be in ideal condition, and think that much better speed will be possible than was made last year over the southern route.

Much Betting.

Mr. Pink said that there was an enormous amount of betting going on in both Phoenix and Los Angeles as to the outcome of the race. "But," he said, "this betting is small compared to the amounts being posted by the employees of the various factories from which cars have been entered. The manufacturers of the Thomas car, which I am driving, are fairly wild over the proposition. There are 70,000 of them and I am safe in saying that the majority have posted money on the race. Our people estimate that among them alone as much as \$50,000 is posted with the employees of other factories and among themselves. All kinds of bets have been made. One man will bet on the maximum time, another on the minimum, others on the average per hour, and on every other conceivable feature of the event which is likely or unlikely to happen."